

MEETING MINUTES

Title	Nashua Arts Commission
Location	City Hall Room 208
Date	February 8, 2022

Time Meeting Called To Order	8:04 AM
Members Present	Lindsay Rinaldi, Jennifer Annand, Sara Caesar, Paul Laflamme, Steve Ruddock, Carol Robey
Guests or Others Participating	Amy DeRoche, Trish Klee,

General Meeting Highlights/Notes/Brief Description of Meeting

<p>Motion to approve the minutes from November made by Judy seconded by Steve. Motion carries</p> <p>Communications: None Public Comment: None</p> <p>Old Business: Grant report (see attached) Motion made by Carol and seconded by Steve to accept the grant committee's recommendation for fund distribution. Motion carries.</p> <p>Arts & Culture Plan – reviewed feedback from public input session. The plan will be updated accordingly and be voted on at the March meeting. Carol Robey volunteered to form and Chair the NACP Presentation Working Group. This group will be in charge of organizing a series of 1 on 1 meetings with local arts organizations to present the arts and culture plan so that we can engage each organization directly in its success.</p>

Motion To Adjourn By	Paul/Carol
Time	9:05
Next Meeting	March 8, 2022

**NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION
2022-23 GRANT CYCLE REVIEW REPORT
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The grants review panel met via Zoom on February 2, 2022 to review the ten applications for the 2022 grant cycle.

Overview:

The quality of most grant applications, both in programming and presentation of the request in the application, is high this year. The chart below shows the rankings, with an insignificant difference in the first grouping, and only a seven-point difference between the highest ranking and the lowest in the second grouping.

There were exceptions, reflected in the third set of rankings. Two applications received no funding. Both the Nashua Chamber Orchestra and Peacock Players requested 100% funding with no other sources of revenue; the Chamber Orchestra had no project budget and Peacock Players had a very vague application.

The panel agreed to include their comments on the application in each grant award letter and voted unanimously to recommend the awards below for approval by the Commission:

Organization Recommendation	Project	Score	Request	
Nashua Int’l Sculpture Symposium	2022 Symposium	48.4	\$5,000	\$5,000
City Arts Nashua	Art Walk	48.2	\$5,000	\$5,000
Nashua Community Music School	Scholarships	48	\$5,000	\$5,000
Upbeat NH (FKA Sinfonietta Strings)	Expanding Program	48	\$5,000	\$5,000
Symphony NH	Adopt a School	45.4	\$5,000	\$5,000
Nashua Theatre Guild	Peter and the Sun Catcher	44.6	\$5,000	\$5,000
Actorsingers	Joseph – Technicolor Coat	41.4	\$5,000	\$5,000
Nashua Choral Society	This Land ... Free Concert	35.8	\$4,000	\$3,000
Nashua Chamber Orchestra	COVID relief/Family Concert	35.4	\$5,000	-- 0 --
Peacock Players	Scholarship Program	31.2	\$5,000	-- 0 --

TOTAL:
\$38,000

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Carlson, Jennifer Annand, Virginia Lupi, Carol Robey, Steve Ruddock,